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Black Power: the Gaderine Swine

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The Fundamentalists treat every word of the Bible as literal and historical fact. The Word of God, which must never be subject to human intelligence. Unfortunately we are human and use the God given faculty of reason, so either we reject the scriptures or we consider them in various ways, finding an under lying purpose in their perpetuation.

In Matthew 13v34 we read "**...spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables and without a parable spake He not unto them**". Clearly indicating the need for reflection on the oral teaching of Jesus; And this same reflection is necessary in the whole of the scriptures. Intelligent people simply cannot accept as history much of the bible.

It is the responsibility of each individual to do their own interpretation the parable is spoken for this reason expressly. However a little, help may be needful, and we now give an example only. It is not intended as in any way final, just a pointer for any who may need it.

Let us take a rather unpopular anecdote as an example. The Gaderine Swine of Luke 8v26 Sermons on this passage tend to treat this as an example of the miraculous powers of Jesus, but let us look deeper.

Firstly in is in the country of the Gaderines (Tribe of Gad) In Hebrew GD, a Troop, [Gen. 30.v11] near Galilee (Beginnings). The word GD (GAD) is a primitive root verb implying 'To gather' hence a troop, a crowd, a bunch (as gathered together) and there is a 'herd of many swine' nearby. Swine root among the fallen leaves for food. And the name of the unclean spirit is 'Legion' a crowd, GD, a troop. The victim lived 'in the tombs' among the dead past, as the swine lived on the fallen leaves which had known life and were returning to the earth to enrich it. Everything savours of the Past, the primitive. The man wore no clothes (is primitive). Yet he knew Jesus and called Him by Name at Sight.

One senses in this anecdote the instincts of man, the when they sense the Unknown of the soul in stirring within. It is natural to seek the

"known" of the past, to tend backwards into the primitive, to shun the progress of civilization, to dabble in the darker side of the occult, to seek old books. All sorts of "rooting" into the dead tombs just when the soul is stirring into life.

This in the normal process in man, to avoid the Unknown by digging into the past. But can it be progressive? Must we not, at some stage, accept that the unknown does exist and needs to be become "Known". The Unconscious seeks consciousness, and Man is the means through which the two may meet and blend.

The Unclean Spirits recognise the Son and seek not to be cast into 'The Deep' (the Unconscious) rather into the swine, who thrive the decaying splendour of the Past. Yet when sent into the swine, they rush headlong into the sea, the lake, the Unconscious. When the victim is 'possessed' he has great strength 'Geburah' as has the instinctive nature. Those who travel this 'left hand path' are guided by instincts, which are 'very powerful' indeed being the basis of the self preservation instinct. This is portrayed by the breaking of the restraining chains used to bind the victim.

At some stage of this deep stirring of the soul one may, almost unwittingly tend to deepen his "rooting" and to seek the Timeless rather than the "old" or primitive past. Unwittingly we may be lead into contact with a progressive mode of study. Gradually we may begin to leave the powerful instinctive nature and to develop a new mode of cognisance. Intuition may begin to supercede instinct. By careful and knowing guidance this may safely be accomplished. The sense of the Past may be combined in the search for the Timeless during this training and probation the True Seeker. Hard indeed may be the breaking of the chains of the instincts. We cease to seek Power from the "legion" of the primitive gods. The victim recognizes the Christ within and turns to him, "Follow me" is the call answered by the cleansed victim. Yet he is sent back among his people, who later come to the Christ for further help.

Yet not all answer the Call, as seen in the 'Rich young Man'. Riches in his past acquisitions (from the past). Who went away Luke 18v19-23, referring of course to intellectual riches, as this term applies to the ability "To pass through the eye of a needle". It is not physical riches here referred to, but pride in his digging in the past. Only when the "rooting" in the

Passed rejected for the *Glory of God*; that thus may Black Power be redeemed.

An humble and a contrite heart is the price, but we may find it very hard to rid ourselves of the ego-building substance of that prides-building "facts" of the Past. May this suggested interpretation of the anecdote of the Gaderine Swine bear Light.

Footnote:

The same methods maybe used in many other parables and anecdotes within our Holy Bible. Seek out the inner meanings of the many names of people and places. Hebrew always yields fruit to the reverent and dedicated soul.

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